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Dated: February 9, 2000.

Margaret E. Begg,

*Director, Office of Management and Policy,
Treasury Inspector General for Tax
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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration

Proposed Collection: Confirmation Letter 002 (Lien)

AGENCY: Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration (TIGTA), Office of Audit.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Treasury, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506 (c) (2) (A)). Currently TIGTA is soliciting comments concerning Confirmation Letter 002 (Lien).

DATES: Written comments should be received by June 12, 2000 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Roger K. Layman, Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration, Room

6109, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington DC. 20224, Fax (202) 622-5089, Internet

Roger.Layman@tigta.treas.gov

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection should be directed to Roger K. Layman, (202) 622-5969, Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration, Room 6109, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington DC. 20224, Fax (202) 622-5089, Internet

Roger.Layman@tigta.treas.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Confirmation Letter 002 (Lien).

OMB Number: 1591-0002.

Abstract: Using a confirmation letter, TIGTA will request information from taxpayers to determine the accuracy of IRS records. Confirmation letters will be sent to taxpayers to verify that they were notified of lien action as required by law. Use of the confirmation letters satisfies General Accounting Office auditing standards for obtaining sufficient, competent, and relevant evidence to afford a reasonable basis for the auditors' judgements and conclusions.

Current Action: There are no changes being made to Confirmation Letter 002, Lien at this time.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Individuals and businesses.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 120.

Estimated Time for Response: 15 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 30.

Request for Comments: Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have a practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Forms 7018 and 7018-A

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Treasury, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). Currently, the IRS is soliciting comments concerning Form 7018, Employer's Order Blank for Forms, and Form 7018-A, Employer's Order Blank for 2000 Forms.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before June 12, 2000, to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Garrick R. Shear, Internal Revenue Service, room 5244, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or copies of the forms and instructions should be directed to Carol Savage, (202) 622-3945, Internal Revenue Service, room 5242, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: